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PRES. HILL EXPLAINS ENLISTMENT RULING

Scholastic "Slackers" Cannot Leave Classes to Obtain Credit.

WAIT FOR CONGRESS

Says It Is Folly for M. U. Men to Join Army As Privates Now.

President A. Ross Hill gave out the following statement this afternoon in regard to the attitude of the University of Missouri in the present war crisis:

"There seems to be some misunderstanding regarding actions recently taken by faculties and curators on the subject of University credit to students who enlist for national service before the end of the session. The following points should be kept in mind:

"No chance will be given a student slacker to get credit by leaving now classes in which he fears a failure. His grade at the end of the semester will be just what it has been up to the date on which he enlists.

"Credit is guaranteed to enlisted men only. But provision has been made for enlistment in national service other than military. Just now the pressing national problem is the securing of an adequate food supply for America and her allies. Students who are thought capable of rendering special service on farms may be treated as enlisted men on showing contract with farm employer to Dean Mumford and his committee. This is not necessarily confined to students in the College of Agriculture. If credit is to be secured seniors must do regular farm work till June 1 and others till June 30 and secure report of faithful service from their employers.

"I am daily recommending men of military training to the War Department for commissions as officers. As practically every physically fit male student in the University of Missouri has already had from one to four years of military training a good many University students as well as alumni are likely to secure commissions, and they can leave when called to duty, but not till then, and they may not be needed till June.

"It would be folly for students to enlist now as privates in the regular army of the United States. Let them wait till Congress takes definite action and we know what the military organization of the country is to be. In the meantime students should get all the military training possible while attending to their University work, and I heartily approve of the organization here of new units for special training on the part of those who for any reason have not been heretofore enrolled in the military department of the University during this session.

"Let me quote the words of Major General Leonard Wood to the Eastern colleges: 'Tell your young men to stick to their present duties until such time as the Government calls for men. The most important service men can render their country now is to stay at their university and put in all the time possible under a military instructor in preparing themselves for possible service.'

"There would seem to be no occasion for the abandonment of spring athletics. General education and physical training are essential parts of the equipment of a soldier, particularly of an officer. What will happen to the football schedules of next fall it is too early to predict. Whatever is done should be the result of agreement among institutions in the Missouri Valley Conference.

"The University of Missouri will not now establish new and spectacular features of instruction, but the Board has placed at the disposal of the National Government the technical equipment and apparatus of the University, and we await instructions from the Government as to the ways in which we can serve most effectively.

"When the call to duty comes, in whatever form, we hope and expect faculty, students, former students and alumni will respond in a manner worthy of the best traditions of the University, and that the 'Missouri Spirit' will be as much our pride as it has been in athletic contests."

THE CALENDAR

April 13.—Jefferson Day Banquet at Virginia Grill; Governor Frederick D. Gardner to speak.
April 16-20.—Baby Welfare Exhibit, Thilo Building, 9 to 12 o'clock; 1 to 6 o'clock daily.
April 17 to 20.—Baby Conference, Parker Memorial Hospital, 10 and 12, 1 and 3 o'clock; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; 10 and 12 o'clock, Friday.
April 20.—Association of Collegiate Alumnae play, "The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife." University Auditorium.
May 4.—Twelfth Annual Farmers' Fair.
May 5.—Fourteenth Annual High School Day.

M. A. HART GETS TEXAS CALL

First Christian Church of Dallas Offers \$3,000 Salary.

The Rev. Madison A. Hart, pastor of the First Christian Church, received a telegram this morning from Harry D. Smith of the Central Church, Dallas, Tex., offering him the pastorate of that church at a salary of \$3,000 a year, with \$500 to cover moving expenses there. His present salary is \$2,500.

Reverend Hart has been pastor of the local church for nearly ten years. Before coming here, he had a church in Pomona, Cal. Reverend Hart refused to comment on the telegram morning. However, he said that he was well satisfied with his work in Columbia. The offer from the Dallas church was unsolicited.

BIGGEST BATTLE NEAR

Germans Expected to Make Supreme Effort on the West Front.

LONDON, April 12.—The greatest battle of the war is coming soon. Germany has its reserves ready and is about to hurl its full force on the Allied lines on the western front, according to Colonel Maurice, director of military operations.

Canadians Take Mile of Trenches.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, April 12.—Canadians earned new honors today in storming advances on a mile front south of the Vimy region. Dashing forward, they stormed and took nearly a mile of German trenches north and south of the German commandant's house, near the Farbus Woods.

Along this line of defense the German forces have been clinging desperately since the first sweeping forward of the Canadian lines. It was part of the desperate fighting over the eastern slope of region today. In the face of resistance British troops stormed over the trenches near Neuville. Hill 90 was firmly in British hands today, despite desperate assaults from the Germans.

WOMEN STILL PLAN ON LIBRARY

Educational Campaign Will Be Carried Out Next Year.

The women who are interested in securing a library in Columbia met at the Commercial Club rooms this afternoon to reorganize and plan an educational campaign for the coming year. Mrs. W. T. Stephenson was chairman. Late in the afternoon the men who are interested in the work met with the women to discuss means of paying the expenses of the campaign this spring.

PORTMANTEAU MAY COME BACK

Stuart Walker Players Ask for a 1918 Columbia Engagement.

Stuart Walker's Portmanteau Theater Company, which played here under the auspices of the Dramatic Club of the University, will probably be here again next year. In a letter to O. V. Batson, Maximilian Elser, Jr., manager of the Portmanteau, extolling the company to play here April 22, 1918.

"Judging from the favorable comments made. I think Columbia will be glad to have the Portmanteau Theater here next year," said Prof. J. E. Wrench, who was instrumental in securing it this year.

Excavators Strike Coal Mine.

A vein of coal was struck by the excavators who are digging the basement of the one-story building which will be built between the Hall Theater and the Hudson Garage. The coal was found after digging about twenty feet. When the Hall Theater was built a similar vein was struck.

Junior Test in English Saturday.

The Junior English test for candidates for graduation in the College of Arts and Science will be held in the Auditorium of the Agricultural Building at 10 o'clock Saturday, April 21.

BULGARS ARE TRYING FOR SEPARATE PEACE

Delegates of the Teuton Ally Now in Switzerland, Is Report in London.

OVERTURES TO U. S.?

Germany Also Making Negotiations to End War, Copenhagen Hears.

By United Press
ROME, April 12.—Austria is pressing Pope Benedict for a move for peace among the European belligerents, according to an authentic report in the Vatican circles today.

By United Press
LONDON, April 12.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Lausanne asserted it was stated on official authority that Bulgarian delegates were in Switzerland endeavoring to reach a basis for separate peace with the Allies.

Germany Seeks Peace, Report.

By United Press
COPENHAGEN, April 12.—Apparent positive reports were received here today that the German foreign office was making overtures to the United States. It is understood these negotiations sought peace between the two nations. No further details are available here.

Official circles manifested the most intense interest in the report. It is understood Secretary Lansing has already received the overtures through unofficial channels. The proposition, as reported here, is for the United States Government to send Colonel E. M. House to The Hague for a secret and unofficial conference. Germany's terms are not specific, but it is hinted there is no change in its position as outlined by German embassy in Washington early in December.

At the same time Germany avowed that the question of indemnity in Belgium would not be an unsurmountable obstacle to peace, but plainly insisted on a return to the status of before the war, including return of all its colonies or a re-arrangement of all belligerent's colonial possessions.

State Department Has No Overtures.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, April 12.—The State Department declared today it had received no peace overtures, formal or otherwise, from Germany and had no reason to believe they were enroute. It added that this Government is not ready for any such overtures.

COMPULSION IN DOUBT

Fight Expected in Congress on Bill Championed by the President.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, April 12.—Threat of a serious fight over the General Staff Army Bill grew in Congress today. Majority Leader Kitchin said anti-conscription sentiment seemed very strong. Friends of the Selective Draft Bill are active. It is believed President Wilson will do all he can to get the bill passed.

The Senate met with a clean slate today. The House did not meet, but will meet tomorrow and probably pass the \$7,000,000,000 Bond Issue Bill. Hours of debate are expected on the measure. House leaders will make no effort, they said, to shut off speech, but they said the House would stay in session tomorrow night until the bill passes. Several amendments to the bill are expected.

National Guard Still Recruits.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, April 12.—Recruiting of the National Guard up to 100 in a company, and probably later to 150, will continue, the State Department said today in answer to inquiries as to whether recruiting had ceased.

M. U. Boys High Pedigreed Stallion.

A Percheron stallion, Helker, grandson of Carnot 6666, has been purchased by the animal husbandry department from Henry Cole of Vandallia. A half interest in Carnot was sold last year for \$20,000.

No Program at Union Tomorrow.

No program will be given tomorrow night at the Missouri Union Building. Next Friday night the M. S. U. and Athenaeum debating societies will give a joint program.

MANY STUDENTS WILL GO BACK TO FARMS

400 in Agriculture Desire to Help Increase Food Supply.

MAY HAVE NO FAIR

Annual Event on Farm Camps Probably Will Be Called Off.

Seventy-one of the students of the College of Agriculture had been excused at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon by the faculty committee that they might work on the farm to help produce a larger crop. These men can leave at any time they desire. In many cases both of the blanks had been filled out by the students as owners of the farms were the most popular in the petitions. Dean F. B. Mumford said that he could make no estimate of the number of students who would eventually take advantage of the offer.

With an enthusiasm as great as that displayed at the big football mass meetings, the students of the College of Agriculture last night signified their willingness to go to work on the farms. When Dean F. B. Mumford asked the students in the Agricultural Auditorium how many would be willing to go, about 95 per cent of the 400 present responded.

The students showed by their questions that they were considering the matter seriously. One of them said that he had a farm of his own and could get no employer's statement. Dean Mumford told him that the faculty would take his word that he was working. "What you will actually do in this work is a matter of personal discretion," said Dean Mumford. "The opinion of the faculty is that farm labor is as patriotic, though not as romantic—as the shouldering of a gun."

Students Must Work Till July 1.

Students applying for permission to leave filled Dean Mumford's office all this morning. Each applicant must fill out a blank for himself and secure another to be filled out by his prospective employer. Some students who wished to leave immediately were given temporary excuses which allows them to send in the employers' statements after they have gone, and not wait for its return here. Credit will be given for the semester's work until July 1, and not until after the employer's second statement that students have been employed in farm work during this time has been received.

Not Enough Students to Give Fair.

It is probable that there will be no Farmers' Fair this year, since the number of students remaining will not be enough to carry out the stunt. The chairmen of the Farmers' Fair committees met last night to consider the canceling of the fair. The Agricultural Club will decide the question tonight.

The women of the College of Agriculture will meet at Miss Louise Stanley's home tonight to discuss what they can do to aid in the production and conservation of the food supply.

Lack of Farm Labor Is Handicap.

"A national mobilization of agricultural resources is now under way, and we are beginning to do what England, France, Germany and other countries had to do after the European War had been in progress for two years," said Dean F. B. Mumford, at a special meeting of the faculty and students of the College of Agriculture last night. "This is not an original idea but a universal sentiment," he added, "and we should do our part in aiding the maximum production of food."

"The first step in bringing about a maximum production," said Dean Mumford, "is adequate farm labor." According to the reports of the national conventions recently held in St. Louis and Chicago, farm labor is the limiting factor.

Recommendations were offered at the national convention, held at St. Louis, that there be provisions made for men to enlist as "plowers and planters" so that we can have a "farm army."

Excuses from studies were granted to the following students today:

Arthur Clayton, Carl R. Gross, S. G. Cleverger, Carl G. Deuber, Edwin A. Mayes, Dean Thorp, William A. Collins, L. B. Crookmore, Harold King, Hamilton Condor, V. R. Pugin, Paul M. Vandiver, Nelson Evans, W. L. Kirkpatrick, Y. M. Read, W. G. Duffy, Roscoe Craig, Herman Hofer, R. H. Helms, R. C. Wheeler, Grover Alton, Edmund Way, W. G. Carpenter, James Hont, Alex. Gibbs, William E. Brown, James R. Shearer, M. K. Huttis, N. L. Greenwood, O. B. Jennings, P. B. Darnall, Ben Hutsell, William Buesching, Albert

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Rain this afternoon or tonight; cooler. Friday generally fair and cool. Temperature probably not lower than 38.
For Missouri: Rain this afternoon or tonight. Friday fair; cooler southeast portion; rising temperature northeast portion.

Weather Conditions.
During the last twenty-six hours rain has fallen quite generally in Texas, and thence northward including part of Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, and locally in Kansas, Missouri, and Illinois.
The weather in the northwestern states also is more or less unsettled, with rain from San Francisco north to Seattle and west to Montana.
Temperatures in the cotton belt, and southern and middle grain areas approximate the seasonal average; but the weather still is rather cool in the spring wheat districts.
In Columbia cool conditions are indicated for the next thirty-six hours, but the weather will again become warmer Saturday. Showers are indicated for tonight.

Local Data.
The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 70 and the lowest last night was 46; precipitation 0.00; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday 50 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 82 and the lowest 50; precipitation 0.00 inch.

The Almanac.
Sun rises today, 5:36 a. m. Sun sets, 6:43 p. m.
Moon rises morn.

The Temperatures Today.

	7 a. m.	11 a. m.	5 p. m.
Today	46	50	50
Yesterday	42	50 (noon)	51
1 year ago	45	1 p. m.	52
10 a. m.	47	2 p. m.	53

Frankenfelder, Preston Walker, Robert S. Clough, Don S. Cole, John B. Drake, Troy M. Deal, H. A. Mattingly, Leslie W. Fox, Thurman Mackey, Roger Crittenden, Harold Hutsell, W. F. Sylvester, Dallas C. Akers, C. F. Atkinson, Jessie L. Campbell, E. James Campbell, John Leaver, C. E. Lucas, J. E. Suerdon, Elmer B. Powell, William H. Steele, Lloyd J. Redd, James Betwood, Howard Butler, H. B. Ficklin, Ernest Harmon, L. G. Welsh, G. P. Allen, Jr., Edwin McKee, D. A. Hamilton, W. H. Jones, Jr., W. H. Binley, M. Castle, R. C. White, F. J. Schweitzer, Earl M. Swan and Roy Coplen.

CASTLE TO MICHIGAN

War Department Today Orders Commandant to Report at Ann Arbor.

Major Charles W. Castle, commandant of cadets at the University of Missouri, has been ordered to Ann Arbor. The University of Michigan is establishing military training and the Adjutant General of the U. S. War Department this afternoon ordered Major Castle to go there for this purpose.

"We regret exceedingly, to lose the services of Major Castle at this time but I don't believe the War Department could have made a better selection for the purpose," said President A. Ross Hill this afternoon. "Institutions that have already had the services of army officers must now give up some of their staff to enable the Government to furnish military training at other universities in the present emergency."

BOONE TAVERN IN THE MOVIES

"Bob" and Missouri-Ames Game May Share Honors Before Camera.

Just what scenes will be "filmed" by the representative of the Paragon Film Company when he comes here tomorrow is not definitely known. Victor B. Jones will have charge of the pictures to be taken of the city, and President A. Ross Hill will determine what pictures shall be taken of the University.

It is a safe guess, Mr. Jones thinks, that a scene of Broadway with the Boone Tavern included will be taken. The scenes at the University will vary considerably. The Missouri-Ames game is certain to be taken, and there is a decided likelihood that Bob Simpson will run the hurdles before the camera.

A limited number of feet of film can be used. The pictures will be taken as a part of an advertising campaign of the Chicago Record-Herald.

First Red Cross Lecture Tuesday.

The Red Cross officials in Washington sent a message today authorizing the Red Cross Society here to begin courses in first aid to the injured. The local organization will give their first lecture at 6:45 o'clock next Tuesday evening in the Physics Lecture Room. University professors and local physicians will have charge of the lectures.

Daughter of John Richardson Dies.

The 12-year-old daughter of John Richardson, a farmer, living five miles south of Columbia, died of appendicitis this morning at 5:30 o'clock. Miss Richardson was to have been operated on today. She will be buried at 11 o'clock tomorrow in Millersburg Cemetery.

Agricultural Club May Drop Fair.

The Agricultural Club tonight will discuss the advisability of dropping the Farmers' Fair. Officers for the first semester of the year will be elected. They were nominated this afternoon by the junior class.

U. S. PLANS TO SPAN ATLANTIC WITH SHIPS

Congress Authorizes Expenditure of 50 Million for Small Vessels.

3,000 WILL BE BUILT

Beginning on November 1, Three Boats Are to Enter Service Every Day.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, April 12.—To smash Germany's U-boat blockade the United States will virtually bridge the Atlantic.

Plans for the construction of 3,000 small wooden boats have been completed and approved by the President. The boats will be used to transport food and supplies to the Entente Powers. The Government Ship Board has issued a call for 150,000 lumbermen and wood workers to begin the task at once. Congress has authorized \$50,000,000 to start the program and will be asked for \$300,000,000 more. The first thousand ships are to be completed within eighteen months and immediately thereafter 2,000 more will be ordered. Each vessel will be over 3,000 tons, with a speed of 10 knots.

It is the purpose to place them so that they will form a veritable pontoon bridge across the ocean, one ship every three miles. The tremendous number is expected to exhaust the most salient efforts of the U-boat commanders to cut off supplies from England and America. Each ship is to be manned by a trained gun crew and equipped with anti-submarine guns and wireless. Commencing November 1, three ships a day will sail into the service.

The plan which President Wilson and the Shipping Board believe will overwhelm Prussia's scavenger boats and break the back of the blockade, provides the following: One thousand and 3,000-ton wooden ships, to be turned out within one year, beginning November 1, 1917; standardization of design, so far as practicable to expedite construction; construction of 2,000 more in the second year of the war, if the submarine blockade still remains effective. This would place a ship every mile from the United States to England.

Each ship will cost about \$300,000 complete, one-half the cost of a steel ship of the same tonnage.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The House Military Committee will report out the General Staff Army Bill next week, probably with an amendment, to give the volunteer system a trial before drafting the half million young men, it was said today following a meeting of the committee. Representative Emerson of Ohio, will introduce a bill tomorrow asking President Wilson to authorize former President Roosevelt to organize a volunteer army of 100,000 to be known as the "Roosevelt Volunteers."

11 SEEK TO BECOME OFFICERS

Military School Sends Applications of Students to Chicago.

Eleven applications for commissions in the Officers' Reserve Corps have been sent to Chicago from the office of the Military School of the University, and about forty or fifty men are preparing applications to be submitted.

The men whose applications have been approved by the Military School and sent to Chicago are A. S. Gregory, a junior in the University; W. W. Von Gremp, junior; Grant Wyatt, Jr., senior; F. M. Darr, junior; G. A. Delaney, senior; P. M. Robinson, senior; Fred Gabelman, Jr., junior; Asbury Roberts, junior; L. C. Wheat, who was graduated in 1913; W. P. Hay, junior, and William Fellows, junior. These applications must be approved by the commanding general of the Central Department of the United States Army before the men take an examination. It is not known how long it will be before the applications are returned.

Savitar Will Follow by Express.

All Savitar subscribers who are leaving the University are asked to call at the Savitar office in Lowry Hall between 2 and 4 o'clock any afternoon and leave their home addresses. The books will be sent by express if arrangements are made by subscribers before they leave Columbia.